

CAPSULE SUMMARY - BRISCOE BARN 'C' (1164)

This barn is located on the north side of Parker's Wharf Road and is probably associated with a farmhouse lying one-half mile to the southeast. The main section of this unique, rather low-lying structure measures 32 by 24 feet, and is cross-axial in plan with sheds on the east, west, north and south sides. All four sheds appear to be original, although there is evidence for exterior siding on the east and west walls of the main section. The small size, hewn timbers and fully-matured, machine-cut nails suggest a pre-1860 date of construction, but extensive renovation/repair makes it difficult to assign a more precise date. In spite of this, the barn is very interesting for a combination of architectural features (shallow-pitched roof, two-door plan, extant shingle roof), and due to its association with the Parran/Briscoe families.

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Survey No. CT-1164

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Briscoe Barn 'C'

2. Location

street & number Parker's Wharf Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Parker Wharf

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John D. Briscoe

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

20685

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse

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street & number Main Street (MD 765)

folio

city, town Prince Frederick

state

MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

John D. Briscoe Barn (Briscoe Barn 'C') is located on the north side of Parker's Wharf Road and is probably associated with a mid-late 19th century farmhouse located approximately one-half mile to the southeast. It is also part of the Briscoe/Parran families extensive holdings referred to as the 'Cage'. Due to extensive rebuilding, it is impossible (at the reconnaissance-level), the exact sequence of construction. Hewn timbers and fully-matured machine-cut nails suggest a pre-1860 date of construction for the 32 x 24 foot barn with cross-axial plan and four sheds.

The main barn has a cross-axial plan and eight, four-foot rooms. Four foot wide door entrances are centered along the east and west facades. Extensive rebuilding obscures the remaining possible door locations. Posts are located along the central axis at eight foot intervals. Four eight-foot bays and two ten-foot bays and one four-foot door make up the main plan of the central section. Unmortared field stones support the structure's continuous sills, heavy posts and down braces. The form of the barn's original siding is impossible to determine due to the extensive re-use of materials.

The shallow roof is somewhat uncharacteristic of early barns, and is supported by windbraces, flat false plate, and two collars. The tobacco curing system consisted of peeled log tier poles separated by 41 and 1/2 inch vertical distance.

The east and west sheds appear to be original in spite of evidence for siding on the barn's respective east and west sides. North and south sheds are both original. The evidence for this includes extant nailers below the junction of roofline.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Briscoe Barn 'C' is significant because of its age and its association with the production of tobacco for over one hundred years. The small size of the barn suggests a date of construction early in the period 1830-1860, but the extensive renovation makes it difficult to assign a more precise date. In spite of this, however, the barn is very interesting, for a combination of architectural features (shallow-pitched roof, two-door plan, extensive repairs, extant shingle roof), and due to its association with the Farran/Briscoe families.

Historic Period Theme(s): agriculture, tobacco

Geographic Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County

Chronological/Developmental Period: 1830-present

Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

This barn was erected on a level terrace adjacent to the Patuxent River sometime in the 19th century. Extensive renovation/repairs makes it difficult to develop a chronology of the barn's development, but the following is suggested: the 32 x 24 foot barn was constructed with sheds on four sides. The east and west sheds probably served auxiliary functions, stable, equipment storage, et cetera, while the north and south sheds were used for curing tobacco.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Broomes Island, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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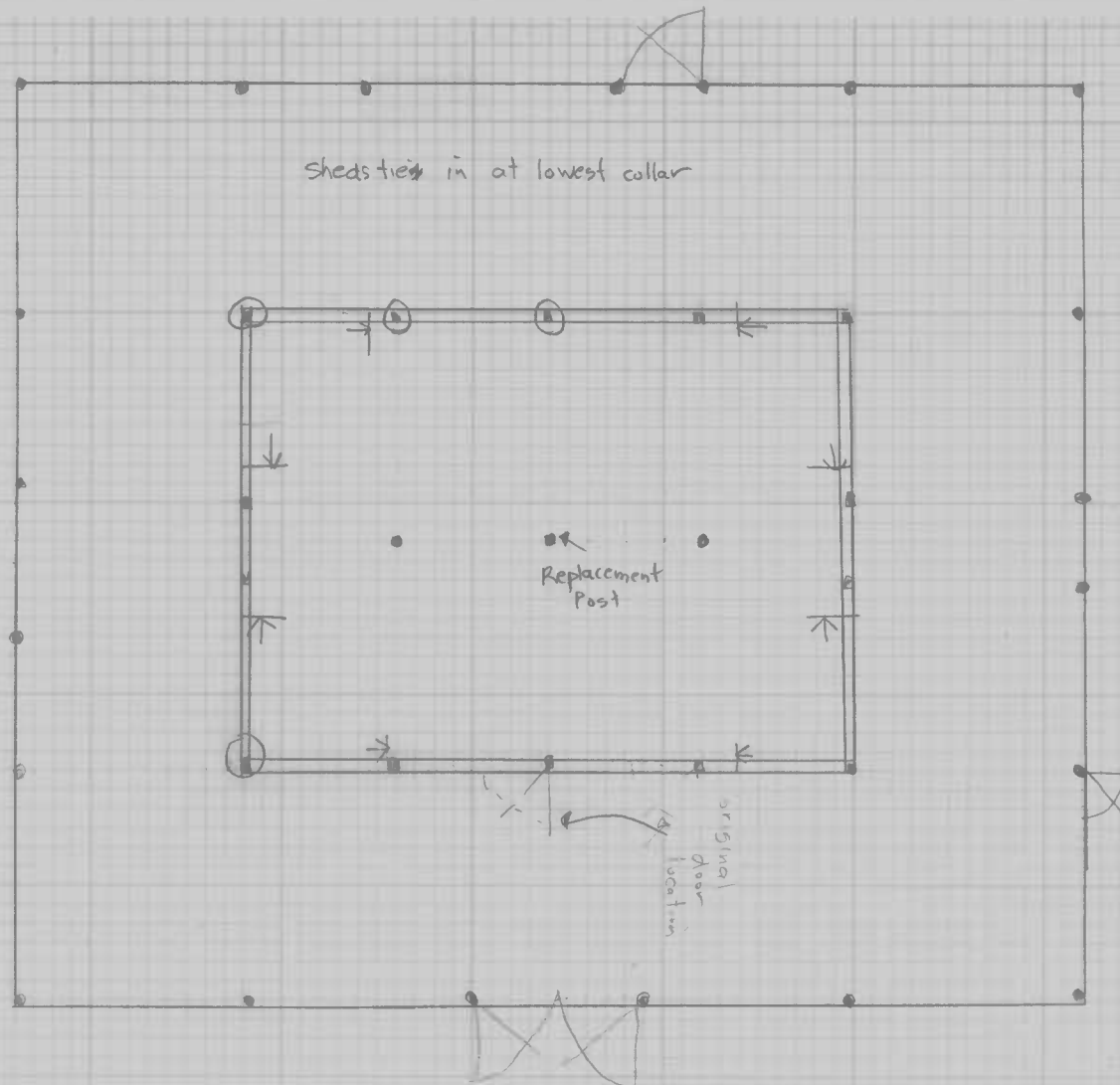
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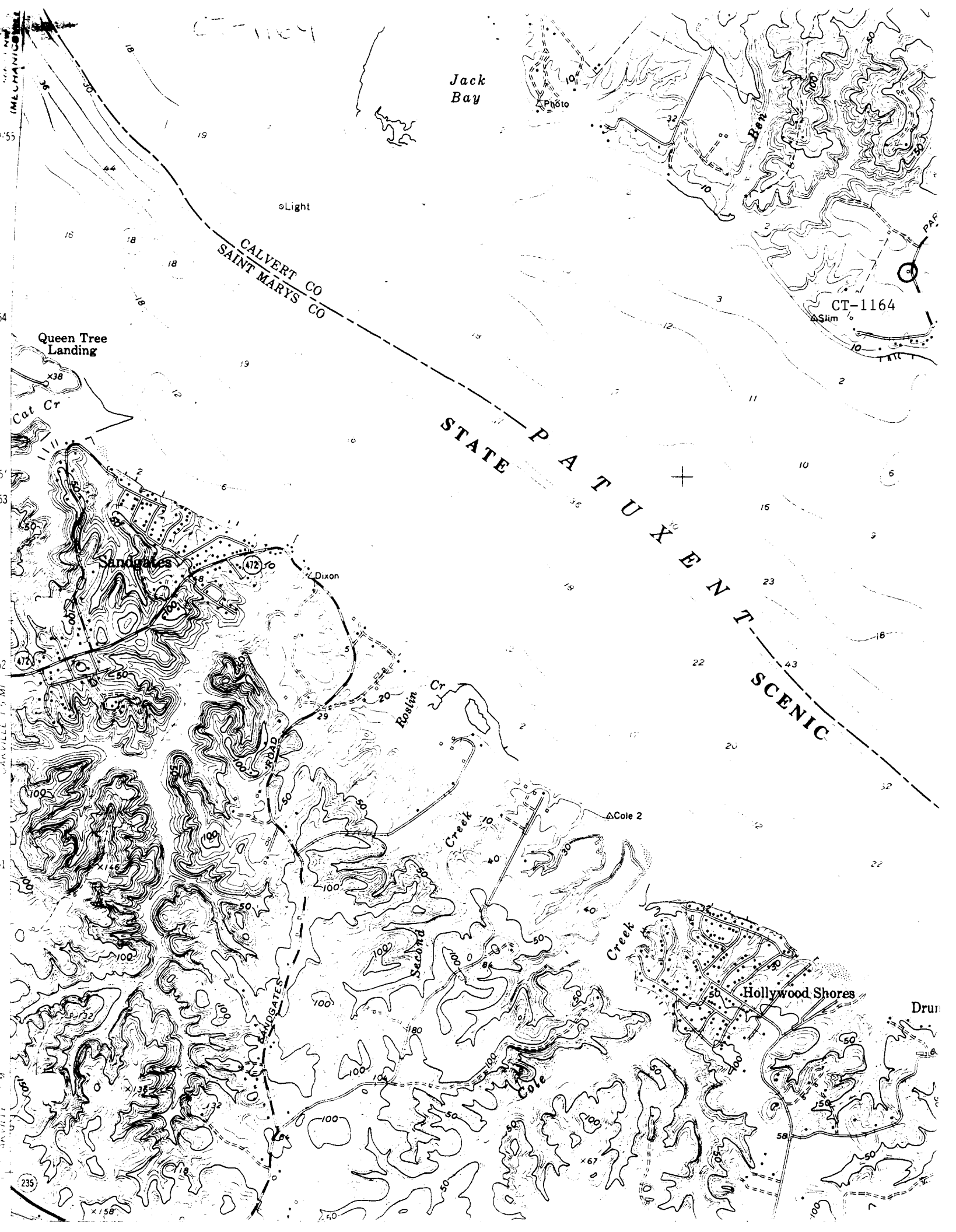
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PARKERS WHARF RD
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Briscoe Barn 'C'

Yorkers Wharf

Tova L. Willomsen

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June, 1990